

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the Application.

1. (currently amended) A safety device for holding a container while extracting liquid contents therefrom with a syringe, comprising:
  - a first elongated arm having a first end and a second end; and
  - a second elongated arm having a first end and a second end; wherein:
    - the first elongated arm is movably attached to the second elongated arm for enabling said arms to be moved between an open orientation and a closed orientation; ~~and~~
    - mating portions of said arms jointly define at least one container receiving receptacle positioned between said ends when said arms are in the closed orientation; and
    - said at least one container receiving receptacle includes a surface configured for engaging side portions of a container disposed within said at least one container receiving receptacle and a surface configured for engaging a bottom portion of the container whereby the receptacle is configured for engaging the container at said bottom and side portions thereof.
2. (original) The safety device of claim 1 wherein said arms are pivotally attached to each other at said first ends for enabling said arms to be pivoted between the open orientation and the closed orientation.
3. (original) The safety device of claim 1 wherein said arms jointly define a plurality of different size container receiving receptacles positioned between said ends when said arms are in the closed orientation.
4. (currently amended) The safety device of claim 1 wherein:
  - said at least one container receptacle includes a side wall and a rear wall;

the surface configured for engaging side portions of the container is at least partially comprised by the side wall; and  
the surface configured for engaging the bottom portion of the container is at least partially comprised by the rear wall.

5. (original) The safety device of claim 4 wherein the rear wall is comprised entirely by one of said arms.
6. (original) The safety device of claim 4 wherein the side wall is a semi-circular side wall.
7. (currently amended) The safety device of claim 1 wherein:  
one of said mating portions include a compliant member that at least partially defines a side wall of said at least one container receiving receptacle; and the surface configured for engaging side portions of the container is at least partially comprised by the side wall.
8. (original) The safety device of claim 7 wherein the compliant member is removably mounted on one of said arms.
9. (original) The safety device of claim 7 wherein the side wall is a semi-circular side wall.
10. (currently amended) A safety device for holding a container while extracting a liquid contents therefrom with a syringe, comprising:  
a pair of elongated arms each including a first end, a second end and a first size container receiving recess positioned between the first and second ends; and means connected to each one of said arms adjacent the first end for enabling said arms to be moved between an open orientation and a closed orientation;  
wherein the first size container receiving recess of each one of said arms jointly define a first size container receiving receptacle when said arms are in the closed orientation; and

wherein the first size container receiving recess of at least one of said arms includes a surface configured for engaging side portions of a container disposed therein and a surface configured for engaging a bottom portion of the container whereby the first size container receiving recess of at least one of said arms is configured for engaging the container at said bottom and side portions thereof.

11. (original) The safety device of claim 10 wherein said means is a hinge arrangement for enabling said arms to be moved between the open and closed orientations.
12. (original) The safety device of claim 10 wherein:
  - each one of said arms further includes a second size container receiving recess positioned adjacent to the first size container receiving recess; and
  - the second size container receiving recess of each one of said arms jointly define a second size container receiving receptacle different than the first size container receiving receptacle when said arms are in the closed orientation.
13. (currently amended) The safety device of claim 10 wherein:
  - the first size container receiving recess of each one of said arms includes a side wall; ~~and~~
  - the first size container receiving recess of one of said arms includes a rear wall;
  - the surface configured for engaging side portions of the container is at least partially comprised by the side wall; and
  - the surface configured for engaging the bottom portion of the container is at least partially comprised by the rear wall.
14. (currently amended) The safety device of claim 10 wherein:
  - the first size container receiving recess of one of said arms includes a side wall comprised at least partially by a compliant member; and
  - the surface configured for engaging side portions of the container is at least partially comprised by the side wall.

15. (original) The safety device of claim 14 wherein the compliant member is removably mounted on said one arm.

16. (original) The safety device of claim 14 wherein the side wall is a semi-circular side wall.

17. (currently amended) A safety device for holding a container while extracting a liquid contents therefrom with a syringe, comprising:

a pair of elongated arms each including a first end, a second end and a plurality of different size container receiving recesses positioned between the first and second ends; and

a hinge arrangement disposed between said arms adjacent the first ends of said arms thereby enabling said arms to be moved between an open orientation and a closed orientation;

wherein said different size container receiving recesses of each one of said arms jointly define respective size container receiving receptacles when said arms are in the closed orientation; and

wherein said different size container receiving recesses of at least one of said arms each include a surface configured for engaging side portions of a respective container disposed therein and a surface configured for engaging a bottom portion of the respective container whereby said different size container receiving recesses of at least one of said arms are each configured for engaging the respective container at said bottom and side portions thereof.

18. (currently amended) The safety device of claim 17 wherein:

each one of said different size container receiving recesses includes a semi-circular side wall; ~~and~~

each one of said different size container receiving recesses of one of said arms includes a rear wall;

the surface configured for engaging side portions of the container is at least partially comprised by the semi-circular side wall; and

the surface configured for engaging the bottom portion of the container is at least partially comprised by the rear wall.

19. (currently amended) The safety device of claim 17 wherein:  
each one of said different size container receiving recesses of one of said arms  
includes a semi-circular side wall comprised at least partially by a  
compliant member; and  
the surface configured for engaging side portions of the container is at least  
partially comprised by the semi-circular side wall.
20. (original) The safety device of claim 19 wherein the compliant member is removably  
mounted on said one arm.
21. (currently amended) The safety device of claim 20 wherein:  
each one of said different size container receiving recesses of said one arm  
includes a rear wall; and  
the surface configured for engaging the bottom portion of the container is at  
least partially comprised by the rear wall.